

TURDUS CYANURUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum tereti-cultratum, mandibula superiore apice deflexo, emarginato.

Nares nudæ, superne membranula semitectæ.

Fauæ ciliata.

Lingua lacero-emarginata.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 291.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

TURDUS SUBFERRUGINEUS subtus flavus, abdomine cæruleo lineato, cauda cyanea.

TURDUS CYANURUS. T. rufo-fuscus, subtus flavus, abdomine cæruleo fasciato, pileo lateribusque colli striga longitudinali nigra, fascia pectorali caudaque cæruleis.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 361.

In avibus quas plurimas alit America australis, haud facile elegantiorē reperies Turdo cyanuro. Caput fasciis nigris flavisque lateralibus decoratur :

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THE

BLUE-TAILED THRUSH.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill strait, obtusely carinated at the top, bending a little at the point, and slightly notched near the end of the upper mandible.

Nostrils oval and naked.

Tongue slightly jagged at the end.

Middle-toe slightly connected to the outer as far as the first joint.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

SUBFERRUGINOUS THRUSH, yellow beneath, with deep blue tail, and abdomen marked by numerous blue lines.

L'Azurin. *Buff. ois.* 3. p. 410.

Merle de la Guiane. *Pl. Enl.* 355.

The Blue-Tailed Thrush may be considered as one of the most elegant of the South-American birds.

birds. The head is ornamented on each side by black and yellow stripes: the back and shoulders are of a bright chesnut colour: the wing-feathers black: the coverts tipped with white, forming a band of that colour across the middle of each wing: the whole under part of the bird, from the throat, is of a bright yellow, marked with numerous bright-blue transverse lines: the tail is short, and of a slightly sharpened shape, the feathers gradually shortening on each side from the middle ones: the bill is black and the legs brown. This highly rare and beautiful bird is but rarely seen in European museums, and is principally found in Cayenne.